

Letter from Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 24, 1877, with transcript

Home, April 24th, 77. (No envelope) My dear Al.,

Very sorry to hear of any hitch in the commercial application of the T. Lecturing will no doubt be most profitable for a time, but what of the objections raised by your partners when I first recommended this course? Keep a sharp lookout on your agents, and make them pay daily, or you may be seriously swindled. There can be no difficulty about putting up a short line from here if such a line is necessary, and would be sufficient to receive your Dominion patent. D. C. B. talks of building at once. If he proceeds we can run a special wire from house to house.

Would that suffice to protect you? Hoping that business may bring you here before long, with love to yourself and Mabel, I am,

Your affectionate father, Alex. Melville Bell.